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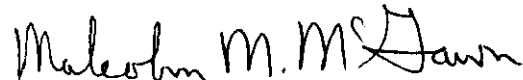
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Dear Ms. or Mr. Hanlon:

I am writing as a member of the American Nuclear Society in response to your invitation to comment on the Yucca Mountain Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation.

In my view, the Evaluation provides a more than adequate basis for determining site suitability, and it is high time for Secretary Abraham to recommend to the President that the Yucca Mountain site be designated as the national high level waste repository.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Malcolm M. McGawn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "McGawn" being more prominent.

Malcolm M. McGawn